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SHORN WOOL PRODUCTION DECLINES 8 PERCENT

Shorn wool production during 1976 totaled 109.9 million pounds, a decline of 8 percent from a year earlier and 17 percent below 1974. The total U.S. wool production for 1976 of 113.9 million pounds included 4.0 million pounds of pulled wool.

Sheep and lambs shorn in 1976, at 13.6 million head, registered a 6 percent decline from the previous year and a 16 percent decline from 1974.

The average fleece weight of shorn wool was 8.06 pounds, down from 8.30 pounds in 1975 and 8.24 pounds in 1974.

WOOL PRICE AND VALUE UP

The 1976 average price received by producers for shorn wool was 65.7 cents per pound -- well above the 1975 and 1974 prices of 44.7 and 59.1 cents per pound, respectively. Total value of shorn wool was $72.2 million compared with $53.6 million in 1975 and $78.6 million in 1974.

WOOL PRODUCTION AND VALUE, UNITED STATES, 1974-76

YEAR	SHEEP SHORN 1/	WEIGHT PER FLEECE	SHORN WOOL PRODUCTION	PRICE PER POUND	VALUE	PULLED WOOL PRODUCTION	TOTAL SHORN AND PULLED WOOL PRODUCTION
		POUNDS	1,000 POUNDS	CENTS	1,000 DOLLARS	1,000 POUNDS	
1974	16,142	8.24	132,963	59.1	78,625	5,700	138,663
1975	14,466	8.30	120,050	44.7	53,615	5,300	125,350
1976	13,635	8.06	109,944	65.7	72,246	4,000	113,944

1/ INCLUDES SHEARING AT COMMERCIAL FEED YARDS.

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WOOL PRODUCTION AND VALUE, BY STATES, 1975 AND 1976

STATE	SHEEP SHORN 1/		WEIGHT PER FLEECE 2/		PRODUCTION		PRICE PER POUND		VALUE 4/	
	1975	1976	1975	1976	1975	1976	1975	1976	1975	1976
	1,000 HEAD		POUNDS		1,000 POUNDS		CENTS		1,000 DOLLARS	
ALA	3.6	3.1	6.4	6.5	23	20	32	55	7	11
ALAS	6.5	5.2	10.3	9.9	67	51	89	89	60	45
ARIZ	450	430	7.3	6.7	3,282	2,875	3/32	3/53	1,050	1,524
ARK	4.6	4.5	7.5	7.5	35	34	29	51	10	17
CALIF	1,311	1,239	7.9	7.8	10,389	9,650	3/45	3/66	4,675	6,369
COLO	1,120	1,090	7.5	7.8	8,365	8,538	3/43	3/68	3,597	5,806
CONN	5.0	4.9	6.8	6.9	34	34	32	58	11	20
DEL	1.7	1.6	7.3	7.3	12	12	35	59	4	7
FLA	3.6	3.6	4.8	5.0	17	18	24	61	4	11
GA	3.1	2.8	6.1	6.1	19	17	32	62	6	11
IDAHO	564	520	10.6	10.7	5,955	5,562	3/35	3/63	2,084	3,504
ILL	213	201	7.1	7.1	1,516	1,428	3/28	3/49	424	700
IND	182	182	7.7	7.6	1,396	1,377	3/24	3/43	335	592
IOWA	463	435	7.7	7.3	3,554	3,178	3/29	3/51	1,031	1,621
KANS	195	192	8.1	7.7	1,573	1,483	3/39	3/61	613	905
KY	28	27	7.3	7.1	204	192	32	53	65	102
LA	14	13	6.2	6.2	87	81	28	49	24	40
MAINE	11	11	6.9	6.8	76	75	35	55	27	41
MD	16	17	7.2	7.1	115	121	37	61	43	74
MASS	7.2	7.5	7.2	6.9	52	52	31	60	16	31
MICH	159	146	8.1	7.9	1,293	1,150	3/29	3/51	375	587
MINN	342	300	7.1	7.4	2,417	2,231	3/29	3/50	701	1,116
MISS	5.5	5.2	5.3	5.0	29	26	29	54	8	14
MO	180	145	7.3	7.4	1,306	1,077	3/30	3/53	392	571
MONT	583	529	9.6	9.6	5,593	5,102	3/51	3/73	2,852	3,724
NEBR	258	233	7.3	7.0	1,896	1,635	3/33	3/56	626	916
NEV	126	120	10.0	10.2	1,260	1,224	3/51	3/69	643	845
N H	5.0	5.4	6.8	6.9	34	37	36	65	12	24
N J	7.7	8.0	7.0	6.5	54	52	35	57	19	30
N MEX	520	500	9.8	9.8	5,120	4,895	3/52	3/66	2,662	3,231
N Y	65	58	7.4	7.4	483	427	35	58	169	248
N C	11	9	6.3	6.5	69	59	40	68	28	40
N DAK	257	236	9.9	9.5	2,544	2,241	3/35	3/59	890	1,322
OHIO	505	486	7.9	7.7	3,978	3,750	3/30	3/53	1,193	1,988
OKLA	71	67	7.8	7.7	554	516	36	58	199	299
OREG	450	495	7.6	7.4	3,405	3,661	3/37	3/63	1,260	2,306
PA	115	100	7.0	7.1	805	710	39	60	314	426
R I	2.3	2.4	7.1	6.8	16	16	28	59	4	9
S C	1.2	1.1	6.2	6.1	7	7	35	61	2	4
S DAK	778	728	9.2	8.9	7,128	6,496	3/43	3/64	3,065	4,157
TENN	14	13	5.6	5.7	78	74	36	58	28	43
TEX	3,090	2,950	7.6	6.8	23,600	20,100	3/63	3/79	14,868	15,879
UTAH	591	529	10.4	10.3	6,140	5,428	3/44	3/65	2,702	3,528
VT	5.2	5.0	6.9	7.4	36	37	40	64	14	24
VA	154	150	6.2	6.3	955	945	41	67	392	633
WASH	87	83	9.4	9.3	817	771	3/44	61	359	470
W VA	123	110	5.7	6.2	701	682	42	64	294	436
WIS	88	81	7.7	7.4	680	596	26	55	177	328
WYO	1,270	1,150	9.7	9.7	12,281	11,201	3/43	3/68	5,281	7,617
U S	14,466	13,635	8.30	8.06	120,050	109,944	44.7	65.7	53,615	72,246

1/ INCLUDES SHEARING AT COMMERCIAL FEEDING YARDS. 2/ FOR TEXAS AND CALIFORNIA, THE WEIGHT PER FLEECE IS THE AMOUNT OF WOOL SHORN PER SHEEP AND LAMB DURING THE YEAR. 3/ MONTHLY PRICE WEIGHTED BY MONTHLY SALES OF WOOL. THE REMAINING STATES ARE ANNUAL AVERAGES. 4/ PRODUCTION MULTIPLIED BY ANNUAL AVERAGE PRICE.

WOOL: AVERAGE PRICE PER POUND RECEIVED BY FARMERS, MONTHLY, AND ANNUAL AVERAGE, 1976 1/

STATE	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	ANNUAL AVERAGE
						CENTS							
ALA													55
ALAS													89
ARIZ	62	63		48	45	41	63		60	63	75	71	53
ARK													51
CALIF		54	65	68	69	66	64	65	63	64	64	67	66
COLO	66	71	65	66	65	67	64	68	70	72	75	74	68
CONN													58
DEL													59
FLA													61
GA													62
IDAHO			64	61	64	63	65	66		60	58	62	63
ILL	36	38	43	46	49	55	52	54	59	59	60	64	49
IND	36	34	37	41	45	47	46	49	50	51	54	56	43
IOWA	37	41	43	46	52	54	55	58	60	59	63	66	51
KANS	54	69	57	64	62	57	59	58	58	58	59	58	61
KY													53
LA													49
MAINE													55
MD													61
MASS													60
MICH	39	40	42	50	54	53	56	55	55	56	55	62	51
MINN	37	39	40	45	50	53	55	58	56	60	63	62	50
MISS													54
MO	36	44	45	48	55	54	53	56	55	60	61	56	53
MONT	54	71	68	73	73	73	73	71	80	67	82	78	73
NEBR	35	40	49	49	53	53	56	56	58	64	61	67	56
NEV				69	70	65	73	49	45	65	72	68	69
N H													65
N J													57
N MEX		79	68	71	67	57	68	58	59	67	58	71	66
N Y													58
N C													68
N DAK	40	51	55	58	59	59	60	59	65	68	66	69	59
OHIO	36	39	43	48	52	55	55	55	56	57	57	55	53
OKLA													58
OREG	42	37	65	68	60	63	61	64	59	60	66	67	63
PA													60
R I													59
S C													61
S DAK	41	53	53	64	65	64	70	67	66	72	70	74	64
TENN													58
TEX	63	73	69	77	77	79	78	79	81	85	83	85	79
UTAH		68	59	66	63	64	67	68		62	68	66	65
VT													64
VA													67
WASH	46			61	61	2/							61
W VA													64
WIS													55
WYO	66	65	70	72	68	69	63	71	66	66	66	70	68
U S	50.7	58.4	59.5	64.4	65.1	68.1	68.3	67.0	68.2	70.8	71.2	69.5	65.7

1/ AVERAGE LOCAL MARKET PRICE FOR WOOL SOLD; DOES NOT INCLUDE INCENTIVE PAYMENT. U.S. PRICE COMPUTED BY WEIGHTING STATE PRICES BY ESTIMATED SALES OF SHORN WOOL. 2/ MONTHLY PRICE ESTIMATES DISCONTINUED.

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MOHAIR PRODUCTION DOWN, VALUE UP

Texas mohair production during 1976 totaled 8.1 million pounds- the 1975 production of 8.6 million pounds. An estimated 1.1 million goats and kids were clipped in 1976, a decrease of 9 percent from the previous year. The average clip per goat at 7.4 pound was 0.3 pound above the two preceding years. An average price of $2.97 per pound resulted in a total value of $24.1 million, well above the 1975 value of $15.9 million.

MOHAIR PRODUCTION AND VALUE, TEXAS 1974-76

YEAR	GOATS CLIPPED 1/	AVERAGE CLIP PER GOAT	PRODUCTION	PRICE PER POUND	VALUE
	1,000 HEAD	POUNDS	1,000 POUNDS	CENTS	1,000 DOLLARS
1974	1,175	7.1	8,400	137.0	11,508
1975	1,215	7.1	8,600	185.0	15,910
1976	1,100	7.4	8,100	297.0	24,057

1/ THE NUMBER CLIPPED IS THE SUM OF GOATS AND KIDS CLIPPED IN THE SPRING AND KIDS CLIPPED IN THE FALL.

MOHAIR: AVERAGE PRICE PER POUND RECEIVED BY FARMERS, TEXAS, BY MONTHS, AND ANNUAL AVERAGE, 1976 1/

JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	ANNUAL AVERAGE
CENTS												
265	295	280	280	300	2/							297.0

1/ AVERAGE LOCAL MARKET PRICE FOR MOHAIR SOLD: DOES NOT INCLUDE INCENTIVE PAYMENTS.
2/ MONTHLY PRICE ESTIMATES DISCONTINUED.

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